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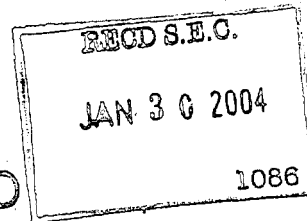
Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

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This is to certify that on January 29, 2004, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange") received from Vanguard Index Funds (the "Registrant"), a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following securities:

Vanguard Large-Cap VIPERs  
Vanguard Mid-Cap VIPERs  
Vanguard Small-Cap VIPERs  
Vanguard Growth VIPERs  
Vanguard Value VIPERs  
Vanguard Small-Cap Growth VIPERs  
Vanguard Small-Cap Value VIPERs

We further certify that the above described securities have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*Bryan Fischer*

Bryan Fischer  
Director  
Listing Qualifications Department

cc: Herbert Scholl